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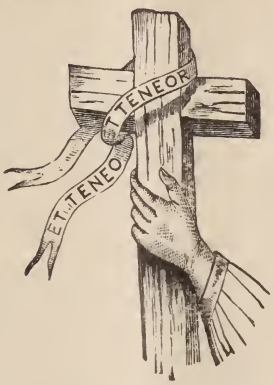

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Abroad.

SIAM AND LAOS.

Nowhere in pagan lands has such decided testimony been given to the power and usefulness of Christian missions as in Siam. In India, China, Japan, and Africa, the name of Christianity has been made odious to millions who have never heard of the bread of life she has to offer. No such prejudice exists here. Doors stand open everywhere. Said the ex-regent to an American visitor, referring to the days when the valley of the Meinam was closed to western commerce:

"Siam has not been opened by British gunpowder, but by missionary effort."

Yet no missionary enterprise of the church has presented greater discouragements than its work among the Siamese. The levity peculiar to these people, the indolence resulting from a tropical climate and a soil of such unexampled fertility as to present no incentives to labor, together with the geographical position of the country, which leaves it aside from the usual track of commerce and travel, renders them largely inaccessible both to moral and political influences from without. Even the Romish Church, after two hundred years of effort, has not been able to gain such a footing here as in India and China.

But our laborers in this most unpromising field have proved themselves to be true "followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." After years of what might seem to be fruitless toil, the seed of the kingdom is springing up, and "both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

The Presbyterian Church is the only one now holding forth the Word of life among the Siamese and Laos, the Baptists having concentrated all their force on the Chinese, who swarm here in thousands. For twenty years our Board of Foreign Missions confined its work to the capital. Its centre of operations is still in

BANGKOK.

The population of this city is estimated at 400,000. Its general appearance is that of a large village situated in a dense virgin forest. The river Meinam, the main artery of the kingdom, with its branches and intersecting canals, forms the thoroughfares of this unique city. Moored to the shores are countless rafts, on which are built the low-roofed bamboo houses in which most of the inhabitants live. The watery streets are alive with boats of every description, from the merchant junk, that once a year spreads its clumsy wings and comes down with the monsoon from the China Sea, to the busy little steamboat from the Atlantic coast, gliding about among the canoes and gondolas built after models a thousand years old. Here and there on terra firma, a row of brick dwelling-houses, a factory with its steam engine, macadamized roads, telegraphs, and iron bridges, tell that Siam is at last thoroughly awake to the march of improvement.

Buddhism reigns supreme and alone in Siam. Its temples are among the most costly and magnificent in the East. It is supposed that $25,000,000 are spent annually to support the priesthood alone. One of the signs of progress is the reduction, by a royal order, of this vast army of idlers, hundreds of whom were recently turned out of their cloisters to earn their living by honest labor. Some of the principal Buddhist festivals have also been given up in the zeal for reform.

The streets, the market places, and the temples are crowded with women. Housekeeping and needle work form so small a part of female labor here that much opportunity is given for out-of-door work. It is difficult for a stranger to distinguish a woman from a man, as in dress, manner, appearance, and occupation they seem so much alike.

It is much more difficult to reach them with the gospel. Its light and comfort have not the charm it offers to down-trodden woman in other heathen lands, since here no cruel domestic tyranny drives her to Jesus as a refuge and friend. Theoretically, she is

inferior to man, but her position is never irksome. Either at home or abroad the Siamese woman is, and she chooses to be, an ignorant, frivolous drudge and despot, as indifferent to the truth of the gospel as liberty without light can make her.

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions occupies two points in Bangkok. Both of these are on the west side of the river, and about five miles apart. At the lower one of these is a chapel, two dwelling-houses, a boarding and day-school for boys, and the Mission Press.

The boarding-school for girls is in a populous and respectable part of the city. Two royal palaces are in sight on the opposite side of the river. There is a commodious school building, two stories high, and a residence for the missionaries in charge. The Second Presbyterian Church of Bangkok, formed last year, is in this part of the city. These two native churches have remanned from their own ranks the vacant post at Ayuthia, the ancient capital of Siam, built a chapel and parsonage there, and pledged themselves to support its pastor. This native preacher is spoken of as well read in the Scriptures and as bold as Paul in explaining and defending them.

The new Siamese Hymnal proves to be a great help in teaching this music-loving people. The Pentateuch has just been added to the Scriptures already published, thus nearly, if not entirely, completing the Siamese Bible.

Dr. McFarland is bringing his enlarged influence to bear on hundreds outside his new sphere in the Royal College. We hear of his visits to a village six miles from Bangkok, where eager crowds gather to hear him tell the old, old story of the love of Christ to sinners. Many of the converts recently added to the church have come from the surrounding country.

The laborers here are Rev. Messrs. J. W. Van Dyke, N. A. McDonald, J. N. Culbertson, and their wives. Members in both churches number 68; boys' boarding and day-school, 69; girls' boarding-school, 29.

PETCHABURI.

At Petchaburi, on the western coast of the Gulf of Siam, and about one hundred and fifty miles southwest from Bangkok, is the second station, occupied by the Board of Foreign Missions in 1861. The town is built on both sides of the river Petchaburi, and is very beautiful for situation. Travellers speak rapturously of the fine old trees which overarch the streams and embower the town. Here is an old summer palace of the king. "From its observatory," says a recent tourist, "the country, as far as we could see, was a vast plain of paddy, broken here and there on every side by small

thickly-wooded hills—luxuriant islets in a waveless sea of verdure. Away to the north and west were low ranges of dark blue mountains, and upon the south shone brightly in the rays of the setting sun the tranquil Gulf of Siam."

About 20,000 persons are within our reach here. The place is much frequented by Europeans as a sanitarium.

A church was formed in 1863. This has now 77 members. One of these is under training as a colporteur, and two are preparing for the gospel ministry.

Eight persons have been added to the church here as a direct result of labor among the builders of the beautiful "Petchaburi Home." The female brickmakers, the carpenters and masons who came to build an ark for others, heard the gospel invitation.

The church has outgrown its old quarters, and is now worshipping in a large room in the Home, a three-story building; the largest and loftiest in the city.

The Girls' Industrial School reports 82 attendants, 20 of whom are boarders. These girls, when isolated from their heathen homes and taught habits of thrift and neatness, make by far the most hopeful scholars. "They learn to make clothes and wear them, and they find it possible for people to live without swearing or chewing betel"

As a positive means of improvement considerable home missionary work is done. Those indefatigable workers, Misses Coffman and Cort, have organized a Dressmakers' Band. Its object is to make garments for the poor. They have already made, sold, or given away fifty garments this year. These ladies also speak of having received thirty cents a month for the tuition of some Siamese children. This is a new feature in school teaching there, and promises well for the future. Some boys from neighboring Laos villages have come into the school, and, although very irregular in their attendance, may be counted on as pioneers in a new movement among these captives, since heretofore they could not be induced to come even for a reward.

There are now eight flourishing schools in Petchaburi, including in all 243 scholars. Five of these have been added to the church this year. Rev. E. P. Dunlap and wife, of this station, have been obliged to return to this country much broken in health.

At Bangaboon, a fishing village near the gulf coast and about fifteen miles from Petchaburi, a church of nine members was organized in 1878. This now numbers fourteen.

THE WORK AND WORKERS IN CHIENG-MAI.

About five hundred miles up the river, and north-northwest from Bangkok, we find Chieng-Mai, in the Laos country. These prov-

inces, six in number, are dependencies of Siam, though governed by their own hereditary rulers. To the north the Himalaya mountains form a barrier between them and China. Spurs of this great range, running the whole length of the Meinam valley from north to south, close precipitously upon that river about half way between its source and the sea, thus forming two great basins; the upper and northern one of which is the Laos country. The traveller passes from one of these verdant plains to the other through some of the finest mountain scenery in the world. It is said that 42 rapids dispute his passage up the river through this pass. Some of these have an ascent of 8 or 10 feet. In point of time it is easier to come from New York to Bangkok via Japan and China than to struggle up these rocky defiles to "far Chieng-Mai." At Rahaang gentlemen often leave the boats and press on through forest and jungles on elephants, but ladies could not endure such a journey.

The first and only Christian mission in this country was established in 1867, three years after the field had been explored by Messrs. McGilvary and Wilson. These pioneers found a brave and hardy race among these mountains, physically and morally superior to the Siamese. Both belong to the Mongolian family. Although there is but little difference between their spoken languages, the written characters are entirely dissimilar.

A large majority of the men are thickly tattooed from the waist down below the knee. The dress of both sexes is more becoming and elaborate than that of their southern neighbors. The men generally wear the Laos plaid, or a long, closely-fitting tunic of blue and white. The women embroider their short skirts and jackets with silk of bright colors or gold thread. Their long, black, glossy hair is gathered in a knot, and almost always dressed with a flower. When a young man desires to wed, he asks the lady of his choice for the flower in her hair. The gift of this is her token of consent.

The religion of the country is Buddhism, relieved by a kind of spirit-worship which has grown up among the cold and heartless negations of the former faith, as though to bring the hearts of these affectionate people nearer that unseen world by which they feel themselves surrounded. "They worship the spirits of the air, earth, and water. In every garden is the little shrine that receives their offerings, such as fruit, confectionery, flowers, and small waxen tapers, which are lighted when the offering is made. From the cradle to the grave not an act of their lives but is connected with their religion. Sickness in the family, or disaster, demands large works of "merit," and friends, in their anxiety to propitiate the spirits whom they suppose they have offended, leave their suffering one to be neglected while they are busy preparing offerings not only to the demons, but for Buddha in the temple Conscious of

sin committed (from the natural law written upon the human heart), yet knowing of no atoning sacrifice, no Redeemer!"

CHIENG-MAI.

This is an ancient walled city of 50,000 inhabitants, situated on the Ma-ping river, a fork of the Meinam. Mrs. Wilson (from whose letter the previous extract was made) thus describes the mission homes of Chieng-Mai and the work done there:

"As we near the city the panorama (seen from the boat on the river) is a very charming one. Suddenly turning a bend, about a mile below the mission compound, the houses of Messrs. McGilvary and Wilson are seen on the right bank of the river, surrounded by shrubbery and trees, such as orange, pomelo, mango, banana, and tamarind. As we move slowly up the river we see on the left bank an old temple overshadowed by old trees heavy with foliage. On the bank stand a number of Buddhist priests dressed in their yellow robes, who have come out of their little houses near the temple to look at the passing boat. The plain on both sides of the river, and to the very banks, abounds in bamboo trees as well as palm, cocoanut, and an occasional banyan tree, which makes a large circumference of shade. In amongst these trees toward the river are the low bamboo huts of the natives, with here and there a more pretentious house built of teak wood and roofed with tiles. Just beyond is the bridge, and on the left bank of the river above it we catch a view of Dr. Cheek's compound, having for a back ground the grand old Doi Su Tape Mountain, which view is five miles in the distance. From the veranda of the Mission house we look northwest across the river and plain to the city of Chieng-Mai, a mile away. This is enclosed by a high wall and surrounded by a moat. Its large gates are closed every night and opened early in the morning.

"As we still linger on the veranda we see on the opposite side of the river a peculiar shaped pagoda of pyramidal form, supposed to cover relics of Buddha. There are a great many of these scattered over the land, and they are considered very sacred by these poor idolaters. On the distant mountain side, and in full view from our door, is a Buddhist temple that in its whiteness and beauty looks like a marble palace. This is said to cover a foot-print of Buddha, and is therefore a resort for pilgrims.

"Chieng-Mai has wide streets that are kept clean and neat. Its large market is entirely kept by women, who seat themselves on the ground among their baskets of fruits and vegetables. When not busy with their trading they work industriously upon their embroidery. Salt, a precious commodity, was used as the currency in this market until very lately.

"Each house has its little garden, which is kept in good order by these thrifty people. They show such good taste in the arrangement of these little houses, and the display of flowers and greenery is so beautiful, that the ignorance and wretchedness which always attends heathenism is not so apparent at first sight.

"The mission houses, like those of the natives, are built on posts cut in distant forests. A large veranda extends around three sides of a square house. The large front doors stand open all day, and many are the visitors that seek entrance—men, women, and children are sometimes crowded into the rooms and on the verandas. Some come from curiosity to see the foreigner and his manner of living, while some come to inquire about the wonderful doctrine of propitiation for sin. We often have those who are disposed to argue the merits of the Buddhist faith.

"During the week the time is employed in preaching by the wayside, or in visiting the people at their homes, or by touring to distant villages, or teaching the scores and scores of people who come and sit down in our houses. Dr. Cheek's time is much occupied in ministrations to the sick. He has a hospital (a temporary bamboo shed), and the diseased are brought to him to have his personal care. He is doing a great work. When these visitors come to the house, putting themselves right under the teachings of the gospel (and they come from all directions, sometimes many days' journey), all other work is dropped, and these eager ones are instructed and the story is told over and over again, 'how God so loved the world.'

"The contrast between the native Christians and their heathen neighbors is marvellous. How often I have heard our good elder, Nan Intah, say to those to whom he was talking (and how they would look at him when he said it), 'I am *bow chi!*' (light-hearted).

"On Sabbath a sermon is preached in the morning, conducted in our church form with singing, each missionary going alternately out to the highway to preach. In the evening, and at 2 P. M., the native Christians have catechetical instructions and Bible lessons. At 4 P. M. (and on Wednesday), our missionaries have an English service. The communion is observed on the first Sabbath of every month. This the native Christians call 'the *great Sab*,' and surely it is 'an high day,' when we, in company with these newborn souls, commemorate the Saviour's dying love, and in the presence of a heathen audience 'show forth the Lord's death' by the outward symbols of His own appointment.

"The Laos are a social, kind, gentle, lovable people, very attentive and inquisitive, and often show great thoughtfulness in their questions. The women are kindly treated. Little children are tenderly cared for. A father will come carrying his baby daughter

with the same demonstration of love that he gives to his baby boy. The morals of the Laos are wonderfully pure in comparison with other heathen nations. The young girls are carefully protected. They do not marry unusually young, and many, if their preference is such, do not marry at all. The old are respected. The aged grandmother living with a son or daughter is loved and venerated by her grandchildren and cared for by all. How have these virtues survived in the midst of ignorance, and superstition, and darkness of soul?"

This station is in great need of reinforcements. Distant posts could be occupied to-day if there were men to send. But none can be spared from the great and increasing work at Chieng-Mai. Such a call comes from Chieng-Saan, a Burmese border town on the north of our station. The inhabitants of this city were carried away as captives about seventy years ago, and their desolate homes left to be overgrown by the forests that so soon take possession of deserted land here. Their descendants have just been allowed to go back and rebuild the old wastes. Their ruler has expressed a desire to have his people taught the truths of Christianity. One of the most efficient members of the Chieng-Mai church has gone there with his family to join another already on the ground, thus setting up a gospel light in that dark corner of the field, and presenting a new claimant for our prayers and sympathies.

Our dear young missionaries, Misses Campbell and Cole, have taken up their work with a zeal that is truly inspiring. They are sent out by our sister Societies of the Northwest and Southwest. Mrs. McGilvary, who represents our Society at Chieng-Mai, is now returning to this country for needed rest. She and her sister, Mrs. Cheek, are daughters of the pioneer missionary, Dr. Bradley, of Bangkok, and, as natives of the country, are perfectly familiar with the language. Mrs. Wilson is still detained in this country from her beloved field by ill health.

The records of the year are very encouraging. Eighteen have been added to the little church, making in all 49 members. A girls' school just started by Miss Campbell and Miss Cole has 18 boarding pupils and 12 day scholars. There is also a nucleus of a boys' school, 7 having already come in.

We may thank God with our dear co-laborers among the Siamese and Laos that a foothold has at last been gained in this dark land. Two hundred and six persons now compose our church membership there, more than a quarter of whom have been added during the past year. But remembering the promise, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given you," how can we stop short when we are so earnestly called upon to press forward with them and take full possession?

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

MRS. SHEDD, OROOMIAH, PERSIA.

We are now in our own pleasant home. The windows were not glazed and but little of the carpenter's work finished when we came here.

I have been learning that "Where there's a will, there's a way," and when one discovers the way it can be taught to others. I have taught a mountain boy to glaze windows and oil wood-work (we have no paint here), and have directed carpenters and masons in many things of which I knew nothing myself. An Oriental seldom does anything as we desire to have it done.

The house is not yet finished, but it is comfortable and very convenient and pleasant. We feared that the health of the students as well as that of our family might suffer from the dampness of the walls. The natives have this proverb, "Put your enemy into a new house." The houses of sun-dried brick and mud seldom dry during the first year, and sickness is usually the result of occupying them. But this year has been very remarkable. The great heat and the frequent winds have dried the walls as they were slowly built. The drought has been very severe, destroying the crops, but preparing our buildings for an early use. Thus far we have had less sickness than last year in our school, and our family has been remarkably well. Only the lower story of the building is occupied, except the chapel, which is on the second floor. This is to be fitted up by the ladies of Dr. Heacock's church and to be called "Heacock Memorial Chapel."

Writing of the famine, Mrs. Shedd says:

". . . The soup house in the city is thronged, but many go away hungry. We are nearly two miles from the city, and not very near any village, but many find their way here. Mussulmans forget that Christian food will defile them, and gladly eat even the crumbs that fall from the table. Bread was never known to be so high in price as now. The Mussulmans are learning that Christians have charity upon them, when their own people do nothing for them.

"The Lord opened the way for labor among them very largely by the famine some ten years ago. May this judgment teach them more, and lead them to accept the Saviour for whose sake His followers feed the hungry and clothe the naked!

"Amid all this distress we are cheered by the efforts made in some of the Christian villages by the churches to care for their own poor. Collections have been taken up and men chosen to look after the poor. In Geog Tapa about $70 was raised, and the committee chosen to distribute it meet every week to consult, and to look after the poor. They have bought a quantity of cotton, which they have

given out to these very poor people to work, paying them for their labor. They have shown much ability and good sense in managing this fund in a way to help the poor to help themselves. They have asked no help from the mission."

MISS EVERETT, BEIRUT, SYRIA.

We are feeling quite elated over the prospect of having a new room, which will be on the ground floor in the rear of our building, and which will serve as exercise hall, play-room in stormy weather, sewing-room, music-room, etc., etc.

A lady has offered to build it for us; and to extend our *very small* parlor, at the same time, to a size suited to our wants. I think we shall then, for a time at least, be able to rouse a little more enthusiasm on the subject of exercise. Then, too, with our "Loring wing" and our "Dodge extension," we shall be able to accommodate fifty boarders, and, I think, be able to do pretty thorough work in every department in which it is essential that these girls should have training to make them useful Christian women.

There is much of treadmill round in our life—no romance in it, and far less than we long to see of marked results, looking at it as we stand in the mill and tread! Yet there is ever before us a picture of renovated homes in the dim future, and a purer, sweeter home-life, such as only intelligence and piety going hand and hand can create; and a picture of this school when others who come to take our places are privileged to teach the children of the children of those we train.

MRS. T. S. POND, ABEIH, SYRIA.

Schweifat is now the brightest spot in our field; the good work there does gladden our hearts. I hope Mrs. Calhoun will go there to live another winter, as the carriage-road is now nearly completed. The people are very anxious for her to go; they offer to move her possessions themselves and give her all the assistance they can.

Mr. Bird took dinner with us to-day, and told of a visit yesterday to Aramoon. He says that sleepy village really seems stirred up. The teacher of the girls' school and her family exert a good influence in the village. Among the pupils whom Mr. Bird examined were three brides. They were in the school last year, and were very anxious to go to boarding-school; but their friends would not allow it, as they wished them to marry. They cried when they had to leave school, but their husbands allow them to attend school again. They go just as the other girls do, and have the same lessons. They are between thirteen and fifteen years of age. Another girl, who has to work very hard during the day, studies in the evenings and recites to the teacher whenever she can find time.

MRS. BAIRD, ODANAH, WIS.

We have now twenty-two Indian children living with us in the Mission Home. Eleven of them are boys. These children are the best class we have had for the past seven years. They are not so wild and untractable as some of our former pupils. The reason may be that they know more of English, and we have learned more Chippewa, consequently we understand each other better. Miss Dougherty is still doing good work in the day-school. The number in attendance is about sixty. For the past year she has had a native assistant, who was once a scholar in our Mission Home. We were all very thankful to welcome as our mission sister Miss McClarry, who came to us on the first of last October. We find her a valuable assistant in our various duties.

Our Sunday-school is a very interesting one, numbering usually fifty or sixty scholars. After trying for some months, we have at last succeeded in getting a few Indian men and women to teach some classes, and they seem to be doing good service. If they will only come regularly to meet their classes, we may hope for good results. Mr. Blatchford and each of the missionaries have a class. The church work goes steadily forward.

Our Christian Indians, though comparatively ignorant, are deeply attached to their religion, and in many respects are very devoted. A stranger who does not understand a word of the language cannot help feeling moved while listening to their earnest, impassioned tones when praying or exhorting. We have now four native elders, and they go by turn each Sabbath to Ashland, a distance of twelve miles, to preach to the natives living there. These elders have also requested to lead our prayer-meeting on Wednesday evenings, and have done quite well, with some help from Mr. Baird and Mr. Blatchford. Sometimes they invite their "white sisters" to say something to them, and though we hope we are loyal Presbyterians, yet we heartily respond when called upon.

A few years ago the Jesuits started a church here, but have exchanged this field with the Franciscans, who seem to be more friendly, and do not so openly and bitterly oppose our work as the Jesuits did. We learn, however, that they are secret foes, more dangerous and difficult to deal with than open enemies. The heathen have held many councils, trying to devise ways and means to get to Washington. They believe that Government owes them about $100,000, and that their "great father (the President) holds the money bags." Also that he will cheerfully give them the money if they can only see him to ask for it. These plans, with feasting and dancing, so fill their hearts that they do not think much of religion. Pray earnestly for them.

We have received many tokens of the Lord's tender care of us in boxes of clothing, books, papers, etc., sent us. These have added much to the comfort of our household and the poor about us. It is also very cheering to know that we have the aid and sympathy of Christian friends in this work for our blessed Master.

MISS KUHL, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL.

Your generous boxes of beautiful gifts gave us all very much pleasure. If you only could have been present when they were opened, and could have heard the exclamations in English and Portuguese, you would have felt fully repaid for all your trouble. How carefully we looked for letters and names, and how few we found! Even your names are of interest to us. I think I realized, as never before, how many sisters there are who toil and pray for our work in Brazil, whose faces and whose names we shall never know; but may we learn to know and love them when we bear the new name and stand in the presence of our King!

Your Brazilian sisters were very animated when they saw how many pretty and useful articles you had sent. One said, "Oh, we will have a church, and a nice one, too; the time has not come yet to build, but we will work and do what we can." Another said, "Oh, I am ashamed! Ashamed to think that people we do not know and who are so far away take such an interest in the gospel in Brazil, and we take so little. I am sorry, too, that it is not in my power to do something for them."

If the dear little girls who left their play to work for our Society could have seen the group of bright-eyed school-girls who gathered round the boxes, and could know how much their work was appreciated, they would feel fully repaid for their efforts. One of the larger girls cut the pattern of the apron she most admired, and the very next day three appeared in new aprons, pockets and all, like the one that came from the United States.

We were not able to have our sale in December, as we expected, and now we are glad that we did not have it then, for we have received so much from the States.

Only one box reached us the first of December; three were much longer in the custom-house, and did not reach us until the 23d of January. This explains my seeming neglect in acknowledging your kindness. Many thanks to all the societies, bands, and individuals who contributed. We have now a nice variety, and are making arrangements for the sale on the 12th and 13th of February. You have helped us in two ways. The articles you sent have given our school-girls new patterns and ideas; and they will be sold and the greater part of the money used for building our church.

At Home.

CONSECRATION.

Extracts from an Address delivered at a Union Meeting of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, held at Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 8, 1880.

I WAS much impressed by a remark made recently by one of the ministers of our church upon the subject of confession of sin. The remark was in substance that it is an easy thing to make a general confession of sin,—to go before the Lord and say we have broken His law, we are guilty in His sight, and deserve not to be called His children. But God wants us to specify our sins in our confession,—to tell Him not only that we have sinned, but *how* we have sinned. And when we begin to name our besetting sins before Him, of temper, perhaps, or worldliness, then we are ashamed and broken-hearted before the Lord. That which is true of confession is also largely true of consecration. It is easy to consecrate ourselves in general terms to the service of the Lord, but when we come earnestly to the work, searching our hearts, by the help of God's Spirit, as with a lighted candle, to see what especial gifts we have, some of which may heretofore have been only dimly revealed to ourselves,—that we may bring these gifts and lay them upon the altar of our God,—we are startled at the great and difficult duty before us.

. . . When looking into my Bible for instances of willing and earnest consecration to the work of the Lord, it was natural that I should turn first to the account of that wonderful consecration of Jewish women in the work of building the tabernacle. That wondrous tabernacle! The plan was the Lord's, but given into the hands of men and women to execute to the most minute particular. It was then that the Spirit of the Lord came down as a spirit of consecration in giving; and from these men and women (so poor that their clothes were a miracle, and their daily bread came direct from the hand of God), there poured into the treasury jewels of gold and silver, until the command went forth, "Stay the people from giving; there is enough, and more than enough."

If in these months to come should go out from our Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, by telegraph and mail, through our own land and other lands, this message, "The women of the churches in America have risen. The Spirit of the Lord is upon them as a spirit of consecration in giving. They have poured into the treasury jewels of gold and silver until it is full. Go

forward!"—oh, the smiles and tears, the songs of thanksgiving with which these devoted ones would rise and gird them anew to the fight and the victory! And who shall say that this is not a possibility of the year 1880?

But all have not gold, and the Master needs more than gold. Are there not in our churches gifted women, of rare conversational powers, who charm refined and intelligent people, whose personal magnetism draws all hearts? You all know such women. They are the joy and pride of the social circle to which they belong. Cannot this precious gift be consecrated to the Master in this work of missions, in urging its claims upon others, in making our meetings fresh and bright by your presence and words of cheer, and so lifting a heavy load from the noble few who have uncomplainingly borne the burden hitherto? Or, gathering the young into bands, you may charm, by your own example, to the service of Christ, and the joy of giving to His cause; and thus not only help fill the treasury of the Lord, but educate to self-denial and deeds of love the "hope of the church."

Is there not among us some woman, whose heart the Lord hath touched, who wields the pen of a ready writer? Some future Frances Ridley Havergal, who could send forth from her retirement far and wide into the churches "words that cheer and thoughts that burn"? Bring also this power, "mightier than the sword," and consecrate it to this service.

There are also the "burden-bearers," who, with hearts longing to do something for the great cause of missions, find their mission where the Father meant it to be, at home. These often make a great mistake in longing for opportunities which they cannot have, and forgetting the possibilities within their reach.

The wise men brought not only gold, but frankincense, to the infant Jesus. We can bring our prayers, and so "move the arm that moves the world." Are we not conscious that we have never prayed as we might for the conversion of the world? We have prayed earnestly that if it were God's will our burden of care might be lessened, and that He would give us the means to do good. We have prayed fervently and believingly for our husbands and children, for fathers and mothers, and all loved ones, for our pastors and churches, and Sabbath-school classes; and then, to our shame and confusion of face be it said, have too often merely tacked on a feeble petition for our missionaries in the field, and for the success of this great work. Care-taking, busy ones, let us henceforth, under the influence of the Spirit of God, rise to our possibilities in this power of prayer.

Mothers who, like the noble Roman matron of old, can point to our children and say, "these are our jewels," have we conse-

crated these children to God as we ought? I cannot imagine a Christian mother who has never given her child to God. But has not ours been a selfish consecration? Have we not given them to Him rather for what He can do for them, than for what they may be enabled to do for Him?

Shall we not begin this work of consecration of our children anew? Like Hannah of old, we will bring them to the temple and leave them with the Lord for His service, and say, "As long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord," to dwell in the temple of the Lord, to do His will. And if to ours the Lord shall be pleased to give a special call to His work, and they, like Samuel of old, shall say, "Here am I," shall we not willingly see them go forth to do, to dare, to suffer, to die if need be, in His service? Does the sacrifice seem too great? Hear these words: "God spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all." And shall we withhold from Him that which He needs to carry forward this work of saving the souls for whom Christ died?

Turning a deaf ear to the song of the sirens, fashion and worldly pleasure, let us set our faces resolutely onward in our work, adding to our motto "Our best gifts for Jesus, our most precious possessions for the advancement of His kingdom."

"HOW WONDERFUL."

He answered all my prayer abundantly,
And crowned the work that to His feet I brought,
With blessing more than I had asked or thought—
A blessing undisguised, and fair, and free.
I stood amazed, and whispered, "Can it be
That He hath granted all the boon I sought?
How wonderful that He for me hath wrought!
How wonderful that He hath answered me!"
Oh, faithless heart! He said that He would hear
And answer thy poor prayer, and He hath heard
And proved His promise. Wherefore didst thou fear?
Why marvel that thy Lord hath kept His word?
More wonderful if He should fail to bless
Expectant faith and prayer with good success!

—*Frances Ridley Havergal.*

The Woman's Board of Missions (Congregational), "that for eleven years had held high festival at its annual meeting in Boston, this year went visiting, accepting the invitation of its Springfield, Mass., daughter to keep the feast with her." This Board has seventy-five missionaries under its care, fourteen of which have gone out during the past year. The receipts were $73,793.

THE PICTURE.

Once I looked upon a picture
That was marvellously fair;
Bright its tints, its shading mellowed—
Beautiful beyond compare.

While I gazed, entranced, before it,
Thus I heard the whisper pass:
"This was formed of worthless fragments,
Bits of broken stone and glass."

Could it be, that grand Mosaic,
Meet to hang in temple high,
Grew to beauty from the pieces
Crushed by careless passers by?

Do you wonder that the lesson
Sunk into my inmost heart—
How the weakest, humblest creature
Has its own important part?

How the lowliest, feeblest Christian,
Poor in talents and in purse,
Fills the niche made by the Master
Artist of the Universe!

Let us deem it glorious honor
That the Saviour stooped to raise
Us from out the dust and rubbish
Of the world's thick-travelled ways.

Let us shine our very brightest,
Be our corner high or low;
Only wondering we were counted
Worthy of the chisel's blow.

When life's great Mosaic's finished,
Every fragment in its place,
Christ, the Artist, will present it,
Fair, before His Father's face.

On that scene shall troops of Angels
Look in wonder and amaze!
A world redeemed from sin and anguish
Saved through everlasting days!

—*Mrs. R. M. Wylie.*

"I used to have a way of waking up towards morning and going off on a round of sad and troubled thought over my own affairs, working myself into a very blue state of self-pity. But since I have taken up active work for the mission cause, I have devoted that time to prayer for our woman's work."

THE second number of *The Gospel in all Lands* comes to us profusely illustrated, beautifully printed, and altogether very attractive. It is full of information regarding mission work in all lands, and contains the latest news from the various fields occupied by the evangelical churches. The leading topic of the March number is "China;" and any one who wishes to become more familiar with that country, its people, and the mission work which has been done among them, would do well to send 25 cents for this number to the publisher, No. 40 Bible House, New York. This magazine supplies a want which has long been felt by those who are interested in the progress of missions in the "whole wide world."

FROM HOME LETTERS.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF A YOUNG LADIES' SEMINARY.—"Truly there is so broad a field for the study of missions that one woman cannot compass the whole, yet each item of information gladdens the heart. It stirs the blood like a call to battle to read of some of our earnest workers. I only wonder at myself for not being more thoroughly awake on this whole subject. I do not think I have realized before the personal responsibility of teachers in arousing missionary interest in their young people."

DANVILLE, N. J.—"We are feeling very much crowded for time at our meetings. The question is, 'What shall we omit?' And we find it a hard one to answer. We are astonished sometimes at the amount of missionary news we find. I suppose we see items now that we would have passed unnoticed before our society was organized. The meetings are enjoyed by all."

OSWEGO, N. Y.—"We received a short time ago the joyful news of the conversion of Habaka, the young girl whom we support in Sidon. Thus are our prayers answered."

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Abbey, Miss Margie Dale
Arnold, Mrs. Thomas
Ayres, Mrs. A. D.
Barclay, Mrs. George
Beeler, Mrs. Mary
Birchard, Mrs. C. W.
Bradley, Mrs. Schuyler
Bricker, Miss Grace
Dunlap, Mrs. H. A.
Fredericks, Mrs. Mary P.
Fulton, Mrs. W. S.
Green, Miss F. A.
Grover, Mrs. John G.
Hughes, Miss Sarah M.
Ingham, Mrs. A. E.
Jordan, Miss Maggie
Laughlin, Rev. J. Hood
Long, Mrs. J. C.
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McKown, Mrs. Mattie A.
Marvine, Miss Etta L.
Mellon, Mrs. Elizabeth
Merchant, Mrs. W. R.
Miller, Mrs. Harriet
Moore, Mrs. Col.
Morgan, Miss Minnie B.
Painter, Charles A.
Palmer, Mrs. S. C.
Randall, Miss Eva R.
Reeves, Miss Jennie

Sharp, Mrs. M. E.
Sheppard, Mrs. Fannie A.
Sheppard, Mrs. M. C.
Skillman, Mrs. Henry M.
Stoutenburgh, Miss Bertha
Taylor, Mrs. Emma G.
Van Derveer, Miss Joanna R.
Voorhees, Mrs. Rosetta
Wardrop, Miss Belle
Wardrop, Mrs. Robert
Watson, Miss Susan
Williams, Miss J. A.
Williams, Mrs. L. H.
Woodburn, Miss Nellie D.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Butler Pres., N. Butler Ch.
Genesee Pres., North Bergen.
Hudson Pres., Florida, 1st Ch., Goodwill Ch., Mount Hope, Ramapo, Ridgebury, South Centreville.
Marion Pres., Providence.
Philadelphia Central Pres., 1st Ch., Kensington.
Westminster Pres., Dillsbury.

BANDS.

Cambridge, O., Workers for Jesus.
Cleveland, O., Bushnell Boys' Band.
Hayesville, O., Workers for Jesus.
Salem, N. J., Young Gleaners.
Wilmington, Del., Hanover.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from Mar. 1, 1880.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS.—Athens Aux., $25; Marietta, 4th St. Aux., for Persia, $38; Middleport Aux., $8, ... $71 00

BALTIMORE.—Baltimore, Aisquith St. Aux., for zenana work, Etawah, $100; Boundary Ave. S. S., for Miss'y, $28 50; Broadway Aux., for Miss'y, $54 90; Brown Memorial Aux., for Miss'y, Lahore, $400, Bible Class Bd., for two pupil's and one teacher, Sidon, $135, S. S., for two schools, Lahore, $128 64, Graeme Harrison Bd., $50, MacKenzie Bd., $25, Smith Bd., $25 ($100), for two sch'ps, Dehra, Mrs. C. E. Waters, for Lidie Waters sch'p, Kolapoor, $30 ($793 64); Dolphin St. S. S., for Miss'y, $25; 1st Ch., Mrs. W. W. Spence, $50, Mrs. Com. Purviance, $10, Mrs. Wm. B. Canfield, $10, Miss Belle Morris, $10 ($80), for Miss'y, Lahore; Central Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, $132, S. S., for sch., Lahore, $150 ($282); 12th Ch. Aux., for sch., Lahore, $37 70, Mrs. Wylie's Bible-class, for Miss'y, $50 ($87 70); Westminster Aux., zenana work, Allahabad, $94 90, for Waldenses, $3, Shining Helpers (of which $30, sch'p, Futtehgurh), $48 10 ($146); Belair Aux., for Persia, $15; Fallston Aux., $25; Govane Chapel, $180; Hagerstown Aux., for Miss'y, Lapwai, $15; Harmony, $10 77; Hamden, $10; Piney Creek, $30; Williamsport, sch'p, Tunchow, $32, . . . $1915 51

BLAIRSVILLE. — Fairfield Aux., Thank-off., $21; New Salem Aux., for L. M. $25; Poke Run, Miss'y, China, $36 55, ... 82 55

BROOKLYN.—Brooklyn, E. D., 1st Ch., Mrs. H. Manning, Dec. Thank-off., . . 100 00

BOSTON. — Windham Ch., Miss'y, Clarissa Hills, Dec. thank-off., ... 100 00

BUTLER.—Buffalo Aux., $21; Harrisville, $23; Leesburg Aux., $21 52. Children's Bd., $4 17, Miss M. Gordon's class, $4 31 ($30), for

Japan: Martinsburg Aux., $65; Muddy Creek, $61 33; Pleasant Valley, $6 50; Portersville, $27 55: Sunbury, $13 38; Unionville, $36 85; Zelienople, $14 25, $298 86

CARLISLE.—Carlisle Aux., two churches, for Miss'y, Syria, $50; 2d Ch. Pearl Seekers, sch'p, Tokio, $25; Chambersburg, Falling Spring Aux., for Miss'y, $2 63, work, Mexico, $2 62, sch., Lahore, $62 ($67 25); Greencastle Aux., sch'p, Beirut, $60, Miss'y, $10, Gen. Fd., $43, Mrs. H. J. Agnew, for Mexico, $2, Lilies of the Valley, sch'p, Tunchow, $40 ($155): Harrisburg, 1st Ch., for Miss'y, $50, towards advance, $80, Gleaners, towards advance, $30 ($160); Pine St. Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, $50. Brave and True Bd., $10 29, G., $4 71 ($15), for boy, Gaboon ($65); Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Dec. thank-off., $100: 7th Ch., $12 55; Millerstown Aux., for Japan, $15 15; Newville Aux., for L. M., $25, Hopeful Workers, nat. tea., Beirut, $100, Dew Drops, for Miss'y, $5, Band of Hope, for L. M., $25 ($155): Lower Marsh Creek Miss. Bd., $34 72; Rocky Spring and Strasburg, for Miss'y, $9 25; Shippensburg Aux., for Miss'y, $64, Y. L. Soc., sch'p, Tungchow, $40 ($104), ... 952 92

CHAMPLAIN. — Malone Aux., sch'p, Shanghai, . . 30 00

CHESTER. — Atglen Aux., $29 19, Collier Bd., $18 35 ($47 54); Avondale Aux., $48 75; Bryn Mawr Aux., nat. tea., Mynpurie, $60, Y. P. B., for blind assistant, $7 50 ($67 50): Coatesville Aux. ($30 for sch'p, Futtehgurh), $40; Chester, 3d Ch., $42 75; Darby Borough, $35 32; Fagg's Manor, $100: Forks of Brandywine, $20 75; Great Valley Ch., Valley Miss. Bd., for Mexico, $120: Media Ch., Mrs. C. H. Godfrey, Dec. thank-off., $100: Oxford, $56; West Grove Miss. Bd., $19 15, . . . $697 76

CHILLICOTHE. — Chillicothe, 1st Aux., $20 70: 3d Ch. Aux., $27: Concord Aux., $9 70, Earnest Workers, $1 50 ($11 20); Frankfort, $5; Greenfield, $16: Greenfield 1st, $11 48; Harnden, $8; Hillsboro', $12 50; Marshall, $4 05: Mt. Pleasant, $9 50; North Fork, $15; Washington, C. H., Y. P. Branch, $19 80, Helping Hands, $1 82, S. S., Christmas-off., $3 25 ($24 87) (less $19 65 contingent fund returned), for Miss'y and Gen. Fd., . 145 65

CINCINNATI.—Cincinnati, 5th Ch., Mrs. R. Brown, for sch., Saharanpur, $50; Loveland Aux., $40, . . 90 00

CLARION.—Beechwoods Aux., $42 46, Inf. sch., $1 54 ($44); Brookville Aux., sch., Syria, $100: Clarion, Y. P. Soc., sch'p, Corisco, $30; Emlenton, $36: Leatherwood Aux., $10: New Bethlehem, zenana work, Futtehgurh, $28 61; Perry Aux., $6 35; Richland, $7 25; Scotch Hill Aux., $2 75, . . 264 96

CLEVELAND. — Cleveland, 2d Ch., Aux., Miss'y, Woodstock, $126 56, Africa, $5, China, $3 ($134 56): Collamer, Howard Circle, maps for sch., Tokio, $10, . . 144 56

DAYTON.—Hamilton Aux., (of which $30 for sch'p, Persia), $103 85: Springfield, Perkins Circle, sch'p, Corisco, $25: Springfield, 2d, S. S., Persia Hospital, $10; Troy Aux., bal. for sch., Mexico, $10, . . 148 85

ELIZABETH. — Bethlehem Aux., for Syria, $14: Dunellen Aux., for Miss'y, Africa, $12: Elizabeth, L. F. M. Assoc'n, for Miss'y, Mexico, $600, work, Africa, $4 68, outfit of Miss'y, $17 45, 1st Ch., Mary Mor-

rison Bd., for sch., Ningpo, $75, 2d Ch., Miss. Bd., for sch'p, Kolapoor, $30. Westminster, Miss. Bd., for sch., Syria, $100, Oroomiah hospital, $38 61, Branch Bd., Little Gleaners, for sch'p, Yokohama, $30 ($895 74); Mrs. Alfred De Witt, Dec. thank-off., $100; Elizabethport, Cheerful Givers, sch'p, Gaboon, $11; Lamington, Memorial Bd., $5; Metuchen Aux., $9; Plainfield Aux., work, Brazil, $116 20, Thank-off., $21 50, S. S. 1st Ch., sch'p, Dehra, $60, Miss. Bd., for sch'p, Beirut, $100 ($297 70); Rahway, 1st Aux. ($37 25 thank-off.), $100 78, Sharon Bd., sch'p, Sidon, $25 ($125 78); Rahway, 2d Aux., for sch'p, Ningpo, $40; Roselle Aux., $100, Missionary Link Bd., $75 ($175), Miss'y, Africa; Springfield Aux., $52 80, Miss. Bd., $12 20 ($65) for same; Summit, Miss. Bd., sch'p, Dehra, $40; Woodbridge Aux., nat. tea., Allahabad, $60, . . . $1850 22

ERIE. — Meadville, 1st Ch., $5; Oil City Aux., 1st Ch., $100, ... 105 00

GENESEE. — Attica Aux., $23 70; Castile, for day-school, Tokio, $30 03, Y. P. Bd., for orphan, Chefoo, $2 30, A friend, for extra fund, $5 ($37 33), . . 61 03

GENEVA.—Phelps, Everett Bd., for Beirut Sem., $25; Romulus Aux., $52, . . 77 00

HUDSON.—Monroe Aux., for sch., Lahore, . . . 64 00

HUNTINGDON.—Academia, Mrs. F. C. Pattison, Dec. thank-off., $5; Fruit Hill Aux., $6; Huntingdon, J. R. Simpson Bd., for sch'p, Gaboon, $20, ... 31 00

KITTANNING. — Currie's Run, for Miss'y, $30 55; Harmony Aux., $40; Indiana Aux., $325, Mrs. Foster's children, for Beirut Sem., $2 60; Jacksonville Aux., for Miss'y, $50, S. S., for sch'p, Beirut, $50 ($100); Mechanicsburg Aux., $8 36, Bd., $17 44 ($26); Middle Creek, $14; Plumville, for Miss'y, $12 10; Rayne, $20; Tunnelton, for Persia, $9; Washington, $25; Worthington, $35, . . . $639 25

LACKAWANNA.—Athens, Willing Workers, $7; Canton Aux., $12 50, East Canton, $9 85 ($22 35), for Miss'y, Africa; Harmony Aux., for Persia hospital, $18; Hawley Aux., $4 50; Honesdale Aux., for sch'ps, Beirut and Oroomiah, $80, Miss Torrey's Bd., for Benita, $16 05 ($96 05); Langcliffe Aux., $18 85; Monroeton, Miss'y, Africa, $12 50; Nicholson Aux., $7; Plymouth Aux., $35 97; Scranton, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Allahabad, $75; 2d Ch. Aux. (of which $25 from Mrs. Gasten for L. M.), $46 50; Dickson S. S., for sch'p, Allahabad, $5; Shickshinny Aux., for Africa, $3 15; Stevensville, $2 80; Sylvania, $5 27; Troy Aux., for sch'ps, Kolapoor and Ningpo, $32 75; Wilkesbarre, Memorial Ch. Aux.. for sch., Mexico, $100, Whosoever Will Bd., for zenana work, Futtehgurh, $37 ($137); Wyoming, for Africa, $3 40; Ellen C. Park, thank-off., $7, . . 540 10

LEHIGH. — Hokendauqua Aux., $10; Mauch Chunk, Mrs. Emeline Polk, Dec. thank-off., $100; Middle Smithfield Aux., $11 15, S. S., $8 05 ($19 20), . . 129 20

MAHONING. — Alliance Aux., $70; Brookfield Aux., $16; Clarkson Aux., $18; Deerfield Aux., $35 50, S. S., $26 03 ($61 53); Ellsworth Aux., $30; Middle Sandy Aux., $25, Bd., $5 ($20); Massillon Aux., $8 80; Mineral Ridge Aux., $40; North Jackson Aux., $20; Niles Aux., $10; Salem Aux., $45 63; Amaranth Bd., $15, S. S., $15 84, Inf.

sch., $12 ($88 47); Warren Aux., $8, S. S., $35 48 ($43 48); Youngstown, 1st Ch. Miss. Bd., $36; for Miss'y and sch., Bogota, . $472 38

MARION.—Iberia Aux., . . 20 00

MONMOUTH.—Barnegat Aux., $10, S. S., $5 84 ($15 84); Beverly Aux., $28, Grace Miss. Bd., for house, Lapwai, $58 ($86); Bricksburg Aux., $31, S. S., $9 ($40), sch'p, Beirut; Cranbury, 2d Ch. Aux., for work, Bangkok and L. M's., $100; Freehold Aux., $88 48, Inf. sch., $11 52, Mrs. Parker's Bible-class, for sch., Syria, $15 ($115); Hightstown Aux., for B. R., Soochow, $36, Amaranth Bd., for house, Lapwai, $25 ($61); Holmanville Aux., for work, Chefoo, $20; Matawan Aux., $25; Mt. Holly Aux., for sch'p, Sidon, $47 50, Holly Branch Bd., $15 ($62 50); Plattsburg S. S. (for Am. Indians, $3), $7 19; Shrewsbury Aux., $37 50, . . 573 03

MORRIS & ORANGE.—Boonton Aux., $78 48; Dover Aux., $45 07; Mendham Aux., for sch., Syria, $60; Morristown, 1st Aux., for Miss'y, Allahabad, $300; Orange, Central Aux., Dec. thank-off., $100; Orange 2d Aux., for Miss'y, China, $250, . 833 55

NEWARK.—Bloomfield 1st, for Miss'y, Canton, $104 75, for sch'ps, Canton, $22 25 ($127); Westminster Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $76 75; Caldwell Aux., for sch., Canton, $80; Hanover Aux., for sch., Canton, $94; Newark, 1st Aux., a few ladies, Dec. thank-off., $100; 3d Ch. S. S., sch., Canton, $140, Mrs. Miles, Dec. thank-off., $100 ($240); Central Ch. Aux., sch., Canton, $60; High St. Aux., $91 39, Mrs. McKenzie, Dec. thank-off., $100 ($191 39), ... 1081 19

NEW BRUNSWICK. — Amwell United, 1st, for Sao Paulo, $29; Copper Hill S. S., $32, Ella Kuhl Bd., $20, for church, Sao Paulo ($52); Flemington Aux., $114, Ella Kuhl Circle, $7 ($121), for Miss'y, Brazil; Trenton, 3d Ch. Aux., for nat. tea., Kolapoor, $100, Beatty Bd., $60, S. S., $50, for two sch'ps, Dehra ($210); Trenton, 4th Ch. Aux. (of which $50 from Miss Emily Hutchinson, deceased), for Miss'y, India, $280, . . . $692 00

NEW CASTLE.—Delaware City Aux., $15; Elkton, $31 75; Newark, $35 13; Smyrna, $14 50; Westminster, $8 36; Zion, $25 ($129 74), for Miss'y, Kolapoor; Manokin Ch., for sch'p, Futtehgurh, $30, ... 159 74

NEWTON. — Delaware Aux., $7; Greenwich Aux., for sch., Saharanpur, $5; Hackettstown Aux., for zenana work, Futtehgurh, $25, Gleaners, for sch'p, Saharanpur, $20, Christ's Workers, for house, Yankton, $10 ($55); Stillwater Aux., $7; Wantage, 1st Aux., $5, . 79 00

NIAGARA.—Medina Aux., for zenana work, India, . . 25 00

NORTHUMBERLAND. — Williamsport, 2d Ch. Aux., Dec. thank-off., $75, Loring Bd., for sch'p, Beirut, $40 ($115); 3d Ch. S. S., for sch., Lahore, $50, . . 165 00

OCCIDENTAL BRANCH.—Stockton Aux., for Persia chapel, 31 00

OTSEGO.—Springfield, Mrs. A. A. Cotes Winsor, Dec. thank-off., ... 100 00

OREGON.—Portland, 1st Aux., adu'l, for zenana work, $14, Occidental Bd., $75, . . 89 00

PHILADELPHIA.—Bethany Ch., Inf. sch., for sch'p, Dehra, $50; Calvary Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $325, Humphrey Bd., for nat. tea., Beirut, $100, Mrs. J. H. Redfield, $100, Mrs. Robert L. Kennedy, $100, Miss Eliza Otto, $100, Miss Mary Otto, $100, Three friends, $300, Mrs. Gerald F. Dale, Jr., $100 ($800),

Dec. thank-offs. ($1225); Clinton St. Immanuel Aux., $50, S. S., $25, A. B. M., Dec. thank-off., $100 ($175); 1st Ch., Mrs. R. S. Dickinson, $100, Miss Mary McIlvaine, $100, Dec. thank-offs. ($200); 2d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $250, Mrs. Chas. Koons and Mrs. J. S. Bispham, Dec. thank-off., $100 ($350); 10th Ch., ladies, for Miss'y, Mexico, $225; Walnut St. Ch., Mrs. M. C. Sheppard, Dec. thank-off., $50; West Spruce St. Aux., for Miss'y, Chefoo, $390 73; ——, for Dec. thank-off., $100, . .$2760 73

PHILADELPHIA CENTRAL. — Alexander Ch. Aux., for Oroomiah hospital, $104, Mrs. R. Beattie, $25, Mrs. James Hogg, $25, Mrs. Blanchard, $25, Mrs. R. B. Wigton, $25, Mrs. McGill, $25, Mrs. Deacon, $25, Mrs. Allen, $10, Mrs. J. P. Cooper, $10, A friend, $10, Mrs. T. Graham, $5, Mrs. Brown, $5, Mrs. Tomson, $5, Mrs. Jefferies, $5, Mrs. F. Baker, $5, Mrs. H. N. Thissell, $5, Mrs. Crawford, $3, Mrs. Kenney, $2, Mrs. Peters, $1, Mrs. McWilliams, $1 ($217), Dec. thank-off. ($321); Arch St. Ch., Mizpah Bd., for sch'p, Dehra, $35 43, Mrs. A. M. Fahnestock, $100, Mrs. A. V. R. Constable, $50, Dec. thank-offs. ($185 43); Central Ch. Aux., for sch'p, Tungchow, $48 40, S. S., for chapel, Persia, $100 ($148 40); Cohocksink Aux., for Miss'y, Saharanpur, $253, Miss. Bd., for B. R., Saharanpur, $50, Mrs. Joseph Harvey, Dec. thank-off., $100 ($403); Columbia Ave. Aux., for sch'p, Kolapoor, $40, Miss Marshall's Bible-class, for boy, Allahabad, $10 ($50); Green Hill Aux., $79 25; Mantua, 2d Ch., Y. L. Soc., for sch'p, $50, Nez Perces, $9 79 ($59 79); North Broad St. Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $300; Northminster Aux., $81 21, Y. L. Bd., $75 44, Miss Stevenson, Dec. thank-off., $25 ($181 65); Oxford Ch., Mrs. Henry Disston, $100, Mrs. S. B. Rowley, $50, Mrs. H. G. Kern, $25, Mrs. M. M'Clurg, $25 ($200), Dec. thank-offs.; Princeton Ch. Aux., Miss'y, Persia, $180, Y. L. Soc., for sch'p, Sidon, $50, Henry Bd., for sch'p, Saharanpur, $30, First Fruits, $25 ($285); Spring Garden Aux., for Miss'y, California, $268; Temple Ch. Aux., $10, .$2491 52

PHILADELPHIA NORTH. — Abington, Mrs. L. W. Eckard, Dec. thank-off., $100: Chestnut Hill Ch., Mrs. Thomas Potter, $100, Mrs. C. Thorp, $25, Mrs. H. D. Landis, $25, Mrs. Thos. Potter, Jr., $25, Mrs. Jos. B. Sheppard, $25, Mrs. Jas. Young, $20, Miss Mary Boswell, $20, Mrs. Geo. V. Rex, $10, Miss E. Young, $10, Mrs. Mary France, $10, Mrs. William Potter, $10, Miss Bessie Boswell, $10, Miss E. W. McCorkle, $5, Miss Mary Owen, $5, Mrs. Joshua Owen, $10, Mrs. Roger Owen, $10, Mrs. Jas. Terry, $5, Mrs. Dr. Adams, $5, Miss A. Piper, $2, Dec. thank-offs. ($332); Germantown, 1st Ch., Miss McLean, $100, Mrs. Englc, $20, Mrs. C. B. Penrose, $5 ($125), Dec. thank-offs.; Pottstown Aux., for sch'p, Mynpurie, $30, Thank-off., $25 ($55); Providence Ch., Pastoral Aid Soc., $17 26, . 629 26

PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COM. — Allegheny, Central Ch. Aux., for Petchaburi, $90 50; North Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Dehra, $200 09, Hodge Bd., $50 ($259 09); 2d Ch. Aux., $9 80; Bakerstown Aux., $27, Bd., $7 ($34); Beaver Aux., $55, Bd., $45 ($100); Bethany

Aux., $37 20, Bd., $30 ($67 20); Bethel Aux., $60 62, Dec. thank-off., $50, Bd., $11 65 ($122 27); Bridgeville Aux., $42 55; Bellefield Aux., 78 15, Dec. thank-off., $100 ($178 15); Canonsburg Aux., for orphan, Canton, $30; Chartiers Aux., $6 25: Cross Roads, $9 31; East Liberty Aux., for Miss'y, Kolapoor, $200; Emsworth Aux., for same, $44 46; Hiland Aux., for Petchaburi, $54 40; Hiland, East End. Aux., for same, $45; Industry Aux., $10 75, Lights for the Darkness, $12 65 ($23 40); Leetsdale Aux., $78 72, S. S., $9 38, Juggernaut Bd., $24 30, Mrs. J. K. Nelson, Dec. thank-off., $50 ($162 40); Millville Aux., $20; Mt. Pisgah Aux. (for Miss'y, China, $20), $5 45 ($25 45); Pine Creek Aux., $25; Pittsburgh, 1st Ch. Aux., $230 99, Espy Bd., $20, Ayres Bd., $30, Bushnell Bd., $5, Mateer Bd., $15, Hope Bd., $18 47, M. T. Murphy Bd., $13 60, S. S., $30, Young Voyagers, $25; Light Bearers, $25, Louisa Lowrie Bd, for sch'p, Tungchow, $36 94 ($450); 3d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Brazil, $250, Gen. Fd., $50, Y. P. Bd., $106 03, S. S., $25 ($431 03); Mrs. Geo. W. Hailman, $100; Sewickley Aux., $30; Shady Side, Busy Bee Bd., $50 67; Sharpsburg Aux., for Canton, $72 31, Lawrence Bd., for work, Canton, $20 07 ($92 38); Sharon Aux., $29 05; Swissville Aux., $100; Tarentum Aux., $33; Wilkinsburg Aux., sch'p, Mexico, $66, Mite Gatherers, $17 75 ($83 75), . . $2940 21

Portsmouth. — Portsmouth, 2d Ch., Busy Bees, for sch'p, Gaboon, ... 20 00

Redstone. — Brownsville Aux., ($30 sch'p, Oroomiah), $70 10; Dunbar Aux., for Corisco, $100, Loring Bd., for Beirut Sem., $33 ($133); Mt. Pleasant Aux., sch'p, Dehra, $60. . $263 10

Rochester. — Geneseo, Central Ch. S. S., sch'p, Gaboon, $24; Livonia Aux., sch., Mexico, $25; Sparta, 2d Ch., Agnes Aitken Bd., sch'p, Benita, $30, . . 79 00

St. Clairsville.—Bealsville Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $10; Beulah Aux., $6 10; Caldwell Aux, $3 60; Cambridge Aux., $26 44, Pearl Gatherers, $3 56 ($30), sch'p, Dehra; Cadiz Aux., for day-sch., Canton, $100, sch'p, boarding-sch., $80 ($180); Crab Apple Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $30; Freeport Aux., $14 68, Heart and Hand Workers, $2 45, for Miss'y, thank-off., $2 50 ($21 43); Farmington Aux., $12 75: Mt. Pleasant Aux., for Miss'y, $25; Olive Aux., for same, $22 75; Short Creek Aux., for same, $25; Washington C. H. Aux., $15 73, . . 382 46

St. Lawrence. —Watertown, 1st Ch., sch'p, Shanghai, . 30 00

Shenango.—Clarksville Aux., sch., Lahore, $20; Hermon Aux., Miss'y, Canton, $27 05; Little Beaver, for same, $9; New Castle, 1st Ch. Aux., $64, S. S. $20 ($84); New Castle, 2d Ch. Aux., $32 50; Sharon, 1st, for Miss'y, $48 25; Newport, $6 80; Westfield Aux., $48 41; West Middlesex Aux, $28 50, Bd., $9 ($37 50), ... 313 51

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Washington. — Burgettstown Aux., for L. M., $25; Clays-

ville Aux., for Miss'y, Tungchow, $50, . . . $75 00

WASHINGTON CITY.—Western Ch., Ladies, for Dec. thank-off., ... 100 00

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WESTMINSTER.—Hopewell Aux., ... 24 58

WEST VIRGINIA. — Grafton Aux., ... 18 00

WOOSTER.—Shelby Aux., for sch'p, Canton, . . . 17 35

FAMINE SUFFERERS, PERSIA. —Allegheny, Pa., Earnest Workers, $10; Blairstown, N. J., Blair Hall Miss. Bd., $10; Cincinnati, O., Mrs. Blymyer, $5, Mrs. J. Rowe, $1, Mrs. Prof. Hyde, $1 ($7); Chambersburg, Pa., Falling Spring Aux., $1; Colerain Forge, Pa., S. S., $55 31; Dunbar, Pa., Aux., $42 86; Frenchtown, N. J., $5; Frankfort, Ky., $3; Geneseo, N. Y., S. S. Central Ch., $7 46; Georgetown, D. C., Mrs. J. L. Howell, $5, N. Theaker, $1; Germantown, Pa., Mrs. Stroud, $5; Harrisburg, 1st Ch. Aux., $10; Huntingdon, Pa., Lilies of the Valley, $11; Long Run Aux., Pa., $28; Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Mrs. C. L. Harback, $10; Mt. Vernon, O., Aux., $20; Newark, N. J., Miss Miller, $5; Philada., The Misses Otto, $15; Pittsburgh, P. and A. Com., $49, Shady Side Aux., $33 50, A widow's mite, $2; Plainfield, N. J., Miss. Bd., $55; Marietta, O., Miss S. J. Cutler, $11, Mrs. E. W. Burgess, $5, Ladies, $15 50; New Lisbon, O., Two ladies, $2 50; Raymond, Iowa, O. G. Young, $11; Rockingham, West Va., E. and M. Callendar, 5, A friend, $1; Roxabelle, O., Miss M. A. Gage, $1; Springfield, O., 2d Ch. S. S. $15; Upper Buffalo Aux., Pa., $72 42, $530 55

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Our school is still growing. We have more applications than we can accept. We have eighteen boarding scholars and twelve day pupils. There is great need of a boys' school. Do pray the Lord that we soon may have one. All that is needed is a teacher and money to fill such a school to overflowing. We have had many applications. All of these are girls, only eight or nine boys being educated. The hearts, the silver and the gold are the Lord's. Pray that all may be consecrated to Him. Last Sabbath was another blessed communion season, and we rejoiced over ten more who made a public profession of their faith in Christ. One of these was one of our beloved pupils. Some of those who sat together at the Lord's table walked ten or twelve miles to do so, crossing creeks they were obliged to swim, and wading through mud and water in many places reaching to their waists and above. I suppose this looks almost impossible to you, as it did to me, nevertheless it is true.

INDIA.

MRS. J. M. ALEXANDER.

Mynpurie, Sept. 23, 1879.

It has seemed good to the Lord to call your Bible woman, Dharm Rani, from her work to her reward, and while the providence to us seems a sad and mysterious one, we can but rejoice when we remember that Dharm Rani was prepared to enter into the rest which awaits the beloved and loving followers of Jesus. The release to the suffering body came after a severe illness (typhoid fever) of three weeks, and from her report, copied by her husband, we see that the fever which ended fatally set in while she

was actively engaged in her Master's service. I write now not only to advise you of Dharm Rani's death, but also to plead the cause of the little children who have been left motherless. Her husband has been employed by us as colporteur, but as his monthly pay is only eight rupees (four dollars) he will find it extremely difficult to give himself and his little ones, four in number, a support. Unless we can do something for them here, he must send his children away from him to be supported elsewhere, and in places where the influences would be anything but Christian. The two little girls, aged five and a half and three and a half, I am especially interested in, and am anxious, if possible, to keep them here with us. May I not now bring their case before you, and ask that, for the present year at least, the amount allowed for their sainted mother may be given for their support? Both are bright, intelligent little girls, and we hope that their training here may early incline their hearts to follow as closely and as earnestly as their mother did the teachings of the blessed Saviour.

I hope your hearts may be inclined to do something for these little ones so early left motherless. Dharm Rani's last words were a committing of her children to the Lord's keeping. She knew that in His hands they would, they must, be safe.

The other girls and women in whom you are interested are going on as usual. Although there has been and still is a great amount of sickness, none but Dharmi Rani have been called away from among us. The heat of the year has been intense, and now, after unusually heavy rains, a severe type of fever prevails.

JAPAN.

MRS. M. T. TRUE.

No. 52 Rokubancho Hikoso Machi, Kanazawa
Ishukawa Ken, Japan, Dec. 27, 1879.

You know what an anxious summer we had on account of cholera. When that had abated somewhat, I went to visit one of our country churches, and some stations where we have helpers. After my return, the house had to be made ready for the opening of school. Then the girls came back, and the first two weeks of school are always very hard. This year there was the extra anxiety arising from this opening for new work, and no one to do it. In September it was decided that Mr. and Mrs. Winn and I should come to this city to "break ground." We left Yokohama September 24th. It was not easy to leave work there, but God graciously provided, so that much of my work was taken up by others. For this I feel very grateful. . . . .

I hope another lady or two can be sent soon. . . . . Much more could be done, to the great advantage of the cause, if time and strength and knowledge of the language permitted. . . . . I am teaching one hour a day in a government school, and so have permission to live here Mr. Winn teaches three hours in the same school. We have two preaching places where services are held on the Sabbath, and they are very well attended. I have a small Sunday-school, in which Annie assists me. Mr. Winn has a Bible-class of young men from the school each Sabbath. Deguchi San has a daily Bible-class of young men. We have a meeting for women on Tuesday also. The indications are hopeful, and although work here is hardly commenced, we are encouraged. Mr. and Mrs. Winn and their two babies (one born here), Annie and I, are the only foreigners here. A native helper and his wife came with us from Tokio.

This city is said to have 150,000 inhabitants, and is quite pleasant for a city in the interior. We find the people pleasant in the main, and rather superior, I think, to the Tokio people, and evidently more hopeful than the Yokohamaites. All this part of Japan is thickly populated, and as yet almost nothing has been done in the way of Christian work. We may not be able to stay here more than this year, but we expect to keep up the work by means of native helpers if we have to leave. The call for more workers is urgent.

. . . You ask if we found "no lonely places" on our interior trip, where we "were tempted to feel afraid." If you could see the crowds that gathered around us you would know that the "lonely places" were the coveted ones. I often wonder how we can enjoy what we do here; but I suppose it is a part of the "hundred fold." If you could see our home here, and all our surroundings, you would wonder how we could live in such a way. It is not the height of comfort, that is sure, but we are here for a purpose. If money was the object, I think no amount would tempt me to stay. The change from Tokio to this place is far greater than from America to Yokohama or Tokio. But when we have left our homes and our dear ones, what difference does it make what kind of houses we live in? Only this: on the ground of health we need to be careful. I am now living in a house where no sunshine can possibly intrude, and my bed-room is dark and damp. I sometimes feel that I am running a risk. I have searched for a better place, but cannot find one. The native houses here are nearly all built in such a way that they must be dark and gloomy, being unlike many of the Tokio houses. We try to make them as comfortable as possible, and will trust in the protecting power of our God. I am very well thus far.

AFRICA.

REV. S. H. MURPHY.

GABOON, Oct. 5, 1879.

THIS has been a precious day. We had a fine congregation this A. M., and this afternoon a solemn service of communion. One young woman was baptized—a little, bright, thoughtful and pensive-looking woman. Her name is Azezia. She expressed a very unusual experience in her examination before the session. She manifested much intelligence, and has been under the good influence of Bessie McRai. I asked her about the temptations to superstition,—how she would do about charms and fetishes, for these were so common among the people. She replied she had forsaken them, and she trusted Christ. God was her fetish! It was only a graphic way of expressing the transfer of her faith, and that she believed only in the power of God to deliver her from sin and evil. If she had not been intelligent, I should have considered her answer as an ignorant one, but in her case it was very impressive. Her spirit was so humble, her conviction of her sinfulness and hope in Christ were touching. I trust indeed she may prove a true witness for Christ. Azezia said that she having received Christ, it would ever be her duty to tell to others the joy she felt in possessing the gospel.

There are a number of the boys in the inquiry class, and young men also, earnestly striving to learn the way of life. There is much religious interest. You know that I try to have these converts to Christianity imbued with gospel knowledge before coming into the church. There must be a foundation for faith. How truly they find this gospel suited to their natures.

Ngeza, a prominent young Mpongwe trader, and a Christian man, came to me yesterday and handed me twenty-five dollars for God's work in Baraka. This is the first contribution I ever received from a native Christian, and in all these years I have never seen such a liberal individual offering. God be praised for this! Does it not show that the gospel has power? You know how difficult it is for these native Christians to make any sacrifices. It is true that they give to the weekly offering, but this is no test. When Mr. Ngeza came from the Ogovi River I remarked to him that it was discouraging to missionaries that there was so little disposition on the part of Christians to make any sacrifice of money to aid in Christ's work. This was a long while ago, and here is the fruit of that seed sown. It sprang up and bore fruit. May God give His blessing to this noble Christian African! His European merchants tell me that he is a very rigid man in business, and he is very exacting in financial matters. . . . This

same young man was a polygamist three years ago, and followed the fashions of his country. He gave great dances, and used rum largely in trade. When brought to Christ, he relinquished all these, and took a noble stand, and stands to-day a true Christian man. He calmly and decidedly abandoned polygamy, superstition and rum, the triple curse of Africa. He married in the Christian manner, and has been true to his duty, and a successful trader. His first born of this union is a son, whom he has named Murphy Ngeza. I rejoice that God has blessed my influence over him, and enabled me to confirm him in the faith of Jesus.

MEXICO.

MRS. H. C. THOMSON.

MONTEREY, Jan. 27, 1880.

SINCE the week of prayer, good news has come from several places. In San Pedro there is an increased interest. They celebrated the week of prayer, and had audiences of about eighty. They have bought a lot, and made four thousand *adobes* for a church, which they propose to build. All this has been done during the absence of their leader, Don Luis, who is here studying. In Mesquital, about thirty have attended services lately, where two months ago it was hard to get a dozen together. In Estancia (both these little places are near here) the people have requested preaching, which is something entirely new. From Santa Rosa a young man was sent to ask us to establish a congregation there. Several had heard a member of this church speak about having his children in the Sabbath-school, their studying the Catechism, etc., and now they want a Sabbath-school for their children, they say.

To-day came a letter from Villadama, begging us to send some one there to preach. I trust that this year will be marked by a great outpouring of the Spirit upon the mission. Will you not pray that such may be the case?

PERSIA.

MRS. VAN HOOK.

. . . "MY own department is just now a most bright and hopeful feature of our work. I am very nicely situated. If you should knock at my gate some day, you would be admitted into a small yard, on one side bounded by a reservoir for water, on the other by a house, consisting of a hall and room for men servants, and the other for the reception of men. Opposite the street door is another large one in a high wall, leading into an inner court, which is filled

with shrubbery, grape-vines, and fruit-trees. The front hall and stairs lead to the chambers, two in number, one my sleeping-room, the other I use as a store-room. At the left of the hall is a pleasant sitting and dining-room, with large south windows, and a capacious closet. Back of it, and opening off the hall, is the kitchen, from which stairs descend to the cellar, &c. To the right of the hall is a large room, with three south windows, which is to be the girls' living-room; while back of this is another room, same size, for school-room and chapel. The house of an Armenian helper is in connection with this, and their yard is next mine, with a wall between. Back of our house is the large garden where Mrs. Wright is buried.

"I received a very marked kindness this week from the English consul, who came with a long train of soldiers, in great style, accompanying his wife to call on me. The visit created quite a sensation in the neighborhood, where Franks are not often seen, and put me at once under protection in my isolation. Do you realize that in this great Mohammedan city I am a mile away from the other missionaries? You may know that I would not be here were I not deeply impressed with the duty of coming. Mr. Labaree, who was moderator of the annual meeting, was kind enough to say he thought it was the wisest step the mission had taken for years, so you will not be led to consider it rash, as some may who are not acquainted with the circumstances. I have made this move with prayerful consideration, and believe it is blessed of God. Pray for Tabriz, that God may bless His work and His workers here."

Home.

"COME" AND "GO."

BY MRS. S. J. RHEA.

THOSE of us who have lived in Oriental lands remember, and often tell, how the shepherd always *leads* the sheep, going before and saying, "Come," not driving from behind and saying, "Go."

It is encouraging that in the Christian life Christ is our shepherd, going before, and we have but to follow. We can get into no new territory, and have no new experience or untoward trials. He has been there before us. The guide has explored thoroughly. He "was in all points tempted like as we are," and "in that He

suffered, being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted." He can never be surprised, and never get lost.

"He knows the way He taketh,
And we will walk with Him."

It is very profitable and comforting to go through the "comes" of the Bible with a concordance. It makes one feel so cordially invited and so at home. There is nothing so warms the heart as to be cordially invited and cordially received. These "comes" open every door of our "Father's house of many mansions," with "abundant entrance," and "compel us to come in." Who can resist them and stay away?

But we no sooner "come" than He says, "go!" What does this mean? Has He changed His dealings, and wants to get rid of us and send us away so soon? Go is a rousing word, one syllable, short, quick, imperative; anybody, even a brute, knows what it means. Go! it means *go!* (Yet, *mirabile dictu*, almost all the Christians in the world think it means, "don't go, but stay!") God is not mocked; it always means simply and truly *go*, every time He says it. But does it mean something different from "come"—go away *from* Him whom our souls love? Then I like it not. Entreat me not to leave thee, my chiefest among ten thousand! But let us study these "goes." He is not a changeable God; His teachings are never inconsistent. To the law and the testimony.

Abraham, "go," and "I will bless thee;" and when he goes, God says, "I am He that *brought* thee." Jacob, "go" to Padan-aram, and "behold I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest; I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of;" and again, go, return to Canaan, and "I will be with thee." Joseph goes, a type of Christ, into Egypt, yet not alone. God sends Moses, "Now, therefore, go and I will be with thy mouth." Go from Egypt, forty years in the wilderness. "And they took their journey, and *the Lord* went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night. He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people." Go through the Red Sea, and the first to move is "the Angel of God." Go up Sinai, and "the Lord talked there with Moses as a man talketh with his friend." Go, Joshua, make Israel inherit Canaan. "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Go through Jordan, though Jordan overfloweth his banks all the time of harvest, but behold the

ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before. Go, smite Jericho; but the Captain of the Lord's host fights too. Smite Ai, for *I* have given into thy hand the king and the city and the land. Fight the Gideonites and "fear them not, for I have delivered them into thy hand, and there shall not a man of them stand before thee:" and Joshua went, and "the Lord discomfited them before Israel," and the very sun and moon stood still until "the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies." Go, Gideon, in this thy might, and cry "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Go, Jephthah. Go, Samson. Go, Ruth, trust in Israel's God. Go, Samuel, hearing the Lord. Go, David, Goliath is nothing! Go, Solomon, in and out before the people, for there is no teacher like thine. Go, faithful Kings. Go, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Cyrus, Jonas. But the time fails me through the centuries of "going," till Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations: and lo, *I am with you* alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

I like these "goes," they are *full* of "come." A mother teaching her tender little baby to walk, will set it down, and stooping, stand it up and hold it with two strong caressing hands and say, "go;" and baby *goes*, not *from*, but *with* mother, and in mother's own strength. So Christ treats us, saying, "go." *Let us go!* There is no other way to get such communion, such nearness, such power, such oneness, with Christ!

JESUS AT THE TREASURY.

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury."—Mark xii. 41.

In Scotland, and some parts of England, it is still the custom to have a church officer sit by the deposit for contributions, which is usually a large bowl in a frame-work built for the purpose between the two doors opening into the church. At the outer door is another officer, who hands each individual an envelope, who in his turn is expected to contribute something, or he may throw it empty into the treasury, and is not allowed to pass until he does.

We suppose Jesus occupied some such position as this "over against the treasury," and is it not true that He is sitting there still beholding how *we* give? Do we think of this when we open our purses so reluctantly and offer only the pittance we can just as well spare? Would it not make us tremble if we realized that Jesus not only sees the amount we slip in our monthly envelopes, but is reading our heart and judging our motives?

He knows how much we are willing to sacrifice of our many comforts and luxuries for our heathen sisters. He knows the

difference between that laid by for a new dress or set of china and the sum we purpose to give to benevolent objects. How does it balance? Is it even a tenth? Can we sing,

"What hast thou given for me?"

without asking ourselves if we have done all we could; would visions of nickels and pennies rise up against us and condemn us? Let us remember His Human Face Divine as He sits by the treasury watching our gifts. Shall we make His face to shine as the sun; or His eyes to weep over us because we do not know the things that belong unto our power? Let us pray that we may enjoy that "perfect peace" of those "whose minds are staid on Him." "SQUID SCOTCH."

TAKE THE FIRST STEP.

. . . MANY thanks for your kind suggestive letter. It has been a great help, and you would be astonished to see how enthusiastic our organization is, with barely sufficient members to fill the offices. Still, few and weak as we are, we intend to work and talk until others grow interested and join our band. We have planned our study on the December subject, have hunted up the *Foreign Missionary* for December for four years back, and find them teeming with interest. We have the *Interior*, Encyclopedia, &c, and feared only we should have "no mind to the work;" but, to our great pleasure, we find those to whom study is new work taking hold with eagerness.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest will be held in Springfield, Ill., April 28th and 29th. All societies are urged to send a delegate in response to the cordial invitation of the ladies in charge. Address, Mrs. C. C. Brown, Springfield, Ill.

MISSIONARY DAY.

THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies and Boards of the Presbyterian Church will hold a union meeting on Thursday, May 27th, during the session of the General Assembly, in the Presbyterian Church in Madison, Wis. Several missionary ladies are expected to be present. Delegates attending will have the same reduction in railroad fares as do the members of the Assembly. Entertainment will be provided for all delegates to this meeting at rates not to exceed $1 per day, and those coming are requested to notify as early as possible Mrs. D. H. Tullis, Madison, Wis.

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NEW AUXILIARIES.

Alexandria, Neb.
Astoria, Ill.
Belle Plaine, Kansas.
Chicago, Ill., 4th Ch. S. S., "The Pioneers."
Chicago, Ill., 8th Ch. S. S., "Armor Bearers."
Creston, Iowa, "Rays of Light."
Dakota City, Neb.
Edgar, Neb.
Eldora, Iowa.
Elwood, Ill.
Essex, Iowa.
Fort Scott, Kansas.
Harvard, Neb.
Hiawatha, Kansas.
Highland Park, Ill., "Do what we Can" Band.
Humboldt, Neb., "Young People's Miss. Circle."
Lafayette, Ind., 2d Ch., "Little Helpers."
Malvern, Iowa, "Pearl Gatherers."
Piper City, Ill., two S. S. classes, "The Workers" and "The Gleaners."
Reading, Mich.
Red Oak, Iowa, "Pearl Gatherers."
Saint Louis, Mich., W. M. S.
Saint Louis, Mich., "Busy Bees."
Saint Mary's, Ohio, "Busy Bees."
Storm Lake, Iowa.
Warsaw, Ill.
Winfield, Kansas.
York, Neb.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions for the Northwest, to March 20, 1880.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

BELLEFONTAINE. — Bellefontaine, sch'p at Salt Lake, $15; salary Miss Hartwell, $40; S. S. Miss. Bd., $6 38; Buck Creek, $25; Upper Sandusky, $25 50; Bucyrus, $75 50; Crestline, $25; Young People's Miss. Bd., $5; De Graff, $6; Forest, $5 25; Galion, $27 20; Urbana, $125 (all for Miss Hartwell), . . . $380 83

BLOOMINGTON. — Rossville, H. M., $25; Paxton, $11 20; Bloomington, 2d Church, Young People's Society, for pastor's wife, Persia, $50; Buckley, $10; Onarga, $10; Dwight, support pastor's wife, Persia, $25, . . $131 20

CAIRO.—Cairo, $31 20; Grand Tower, $27 05; Children's Band, $2; Shawneetown, $31 65, ... 91 90

CEDAR RAPIDS. — Cedar Rapids, 2d Ch., support gate-keeper, Tabriz, $9; Lyons, $3; Mechaniesville, $25; Wheatland, $12 50; Clinton Miss. B'd, $6, . 55 50

CHICAGO.—Arlington Heights, $6 70; Braidwood, $10; Chicago 1st, salary Mrs. Jessup, $137 65; school, Beirut, $25; Scotia Seminary, $31 25; Boys' school,

Laos, $5; Mrs. Baker, Omaha Agency, *special*, $100; Miss Fisher's S. S. class, for rent Miss Noyes' sch.-room, $12; 2d, $160 03; H. M., $3; Infant class, sch'p, Chefoo, $40; Mrs. C. C. Peck, sch'p, Chefoo, $40; Mrs. B. W. Raymond, $25; Sunbeam Miss. Band, for Mrs. Van Hook's sch., $12; 3d, salary Mrs. Kelso, $300; general fund, $228 55; Two pupils, Oroomiah, $60; Mrs. Mendsen, sch'p, Shanghai, *special*, $10; Cheerful Givers, support Bible reader, Rawal Pindi, $60; 4th, $89 50; Mothers' Mite Soc., $3 91; 5th, $67 16; Fullerton Ave., B. R. or Laos sch. building, $60; Mrs. A. Stewart, for Mexico, $5; Mrs. O. M. Donner, Oroomiah hospital, $25; W. A. Douglas, $5; Mrs. W. A. Douglas, $5; Englewood, $70 50; Evanston, salary Miss Bacon, $141 11; Highland Park, $49 35; Hyde Park, Laos sch. building, $15; Lake Forest, $32 75; Young People's Soc., $14; Steady Streams, $6 60; Joliet 1st, sch., Brazil, $10; Peotone, $23 50; Waukegan, $25 76; Young Ladies' Band, sch., Syria, $45; Wilmington, $15, . . $1975 32

CHIPPEWA—Galesville, salary Miss Dougherty, $5; Sechlersville, $16, . . . 21 00

COLORADO. — Cheyenne, $10; Denver, 17th St., for Miss Cort, $12 60; Central Ch., $85 50, ... 108 10

CRAWFORDSVILLE. — Dayton, $40; Lafayette, 2d Ch., Little Helpers, boy with Mrs. Smith, W. Africa, $25, . 65 00

DAYTON. — Oxford, Western Female Seminary, boys' sch., Laos, $14, . . 14 00

DES MOINES. — Des Moines, $50; Winterset, $69 41; Osceola, $8 15; Russell, $6; East Des Moines, $5; Lineville, $7 50; Adel, bal., 10 cts., ... 146 16

DETROIT.—Birmingham, $10; Detroit, salary Mrs. Lucas, $240 04; Westminster Ch., $29; Northville, sch'p, Oroomiah, $28, Persian Miss., $15; South Lyon, $22 71; Milford, $27 50; Wing Lake, $12; Busy Bees, for Miss Dean, $3; Ypsilanti, "Gleaners," sch'p, Oroomiah, $30; W. M. S., salary Miss Dean, $70, . . $487 25

DUBUQUE. — Hopkinton, Young Ladies' Soc., $4 16; Independence, salary Miss Pratt, $32; general fund, $8 75; Dubuque 2d, salary Miss Jewett, $15 17; Salary Miss Pratt, $15 18, . . 72 26

FORT DODGE.—Jefferson, $2; Fort Dodge, sch'p, Oroomiah, $7 50, Salary Miss Cochran, $5; Cherokee, $10; Sioux City, $5 (both same), ... 29 50

FORT WAYNE.—Fort Wayne, salary Mrs. Farnham, $225, Semi-annual paym't, $200, Mrs. Warren's ch. building, *special*, $75; Warsaw, $4 05; La Grange, $12 72; Kendallville, $23 45, S. S., $10; Waterloo, $7 30; Fort Wayne, 3d Ch., Cheerful Workers, $5 69; Goshen, $21 93, Helping Hands, sch'p, Gaboon, $7, . . 591 94

FREEPORT. — Hanover, $12; Belvidere, $50; Lena, $16; Freeport Union, for Persia, $23; Rockford, 2d Ch., $75; Young Ladies' Soc., $15 20, 191 20

GRAND RAPIDS.—Grand Rapids, 1st, $8; Westminster, $27 46, ... 35 46

IOWA. — Highland Branch, $25; Mediapolis, sch. in Futtehgurh, $10; New London, salary Miss Cochran, $7; Troy, $7; Spring Creek, $4 36, . . . 53 36

IOWA CITY.—Atalissa, $2 50; Malcom, H. M., $6 30, . 8 80

KALAMAZOO. — Paw Paw, sch'p, China, $25; Edwardsburg, $12 27; Niles, B. Rs., Persia, $50; Constantine, B. R., Mynpurie, $32 50; Cassopolis, $16 42; Three

Rivers, sch'p, Kolapoor, $6; Richland, $12; Sturgis, $6 80; White Pigeon, $18; Allegan, $6; Kalamazoo, 1st, $53; North Ch., $3, . $240 99

KEARNEY. — Hastings, $7; North Platte, $10, . . 17 00

LAKE SUPERIOR.—Marquette, sch'p, Scotia Seminary, . 45 00

LOGANSPORT. — Remington, $23 86; Meadow Lake, $28 81; Mishawaka, sch., Syria, $18; Standard Bearers, $4; Lake Prairie, Helpers, $8 35; Logansport, Broadway Ch., Training sch., Canton, $15 35, . . 98 37

MANKATO — Kasota, $10; Mankato, $65; St. Peter's, Bee Hive Bd., $10, . . 85 00

MATTOON. — Paris, salary Mrs. Johnston, . . . 20 00

MILWAUKEE. — Milwaukee, Calvary Ch., sch., Syria, . 25 00

MONROE—Adrian, salary Mrs. McKee, $60 60; Coldwater, $13; Erie, $3 50; Monroe, $24 75 (all for same); Quincy, pupil in India, $25, ... 126 85

MUNICE.—Wabash, . . 42 95

OTTAWA. — Aurora, $12 65; Mendota, $24 66; Morris, $11 83; Somanauk, $7 52; Union Grove, sch'p, or B. R., Petchaburie, $21 10, . 77 76

PEORIA.—Lewiston, sch. in Ambala, $32 90; Ipava, salary Mrs. Winn, $12 50; general fund, $40; Miss. Gleaners, $20; Eureka, for Mr. Murray, China, $44 82; Young People's Soc., for China, $15 30; Peoria, 1st Ch., Futtehgurh sch., $32 25; 2d, $15 70; Light Bearers, Futtehgurh, $25 27; Grace Mission, $8; Miss Butler's Miss. Bd., for Brazil, $5; Knoxville, $25; salary Mrs. Winn, $50; H. M., $15, ... 341 74

ROCK RIVER. — Aledo, $11; Princeton, $37; Munson Ch., $11; North Henderson, $15; Sterling, sch'p, Dehra, $36 70; Woodhull, sch'p, Dehra, $60; property little girl, for same, 58 cts., . $171 28

ST. PAUL. — Minneapolis, Westminster Ch., salary Miss Downing, $25; support Frank Myongo, Africa, $23 40; Miss. Workers, native pastor, Flandreau, $10; Red Wing, $30; St. Paul, Central Ch, $42 33; Dayton Ave., $33 33; House of Hope, Miss Downing, $75, 239 06

SCHUYLER.—Carthage, . . 10 00

SPRINGFIELD—Springfield, . 25 00

VINCENNES. — Evansville, Walnut St., salary Mrs. Warren, $30; Terre Haute, Whipple Bd., $7 20, . . 37 20

WATERLOO.—Eldora, $12 50; Salem Ch., $8; Grundy Centre, $5; Salary Miss Cochran, $5; Unity Ch., $3 20, ... 33 70

WHITEWATER. — Greensburg, Laos sch. building, . . 14 00

WINNEBAGO.—Fond du Lac, salary Miss Dougherty, $19 30; Stevens Point, $11, 30 30

WINONA. — Chatfield, $12; Rochester, for Miss Downing, $30; Miss Anderson, $10, ... 52 00

MISCELLANEOUS. — Societies for Rep't, $2; Pewee Valley, Ky., children, for cornerstone for boys' sch., Laos, $6; Anonymous, for missions in India, $5; Harmony, Kansas, Union S. S., $2 34; Burton, Kan., Mary Kingery, now gone home, 50 cts.; A gift from a miss'y, $25; Famine sufferers in Persia, $1334 42, ... 1375 26

Total for month, . . $7,570 24
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From Sabbath-school of Westminster Church, Keokuk, Iowa, for mountain schools, Persia, should have been $40, instead of $20, as published in March *Woman's Work*.

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